

Environment

HB1294 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.

Clarifies that the accepting agency or authority for an environmental impact statement (i.e. county planning department) is not required to be the approving agency (i.e. county council or mayor). Requires an environmental assessment for major wastewater facilities, waste-to-energy facilities, landfills, oil refineries, and power-generating facilities built on private land with private funds.

HB2049 HD1 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO ENERGY.

Helps State Government improve its energy efficiency by updating public facility energy retrofit and performance contracts for State Buildings. Increases the length of energy performance contracts from 15 years to 20 years, expands financing options available for energy systems, and includes water conservation as a qualifying energy conservation retrofit.

HB2375 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE CONTROL.

Creates a class C felony offense punishable with a maximum fine of \$50,000 for knowingly disposing of solid waste anywhere other than a permitted solid waste management system when the written approval of the director of health is not obtained and the amount disposed of is equal to or greater than 10 cubic yards for first time violators, and one cubic yard for repeat offenders. This bill also creates a class C felony offense when illegal dumping results in a cleanup expense which exceeds \$1,500, and provides for a deferred prosecution agreement for first time offenses.

HB2498 HD1

RELATING TO INTERIM RULES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to adopt interim rules to protect native species threatened with imminent danger or species extinction.

SB2968 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCE VIOLATIONS.

Establishes a new civil natural resource violations system within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to process violations of departmental regulations for which administrative penalties have been authorized by law or rules. Currently, all violations must be handled through costly and time-consuming criminal court cases. This new system will provide the department with an enforcement option that will allow it to quickly and efficiently enforce minor infractions. This bill also clarifies that DLNR has enforcement authority over the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve and the protection of caves.

Encouraging Alternative Energy

HB2048 HD1 SD1

RELATING TO NET ENERGY METERING.

Promotes the use of renewable energy in Hawaii by increasing the maximum allowable generating capacity from ten kilowatts to fifty kilowatts for companies and individuals who generate their own power and sell their excess power back to the local utility. Also would permit government entities to participate in net energy metering.

SB1239 SD1 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO ENERGY.

Reduces total fuel taxes by 50% for ethanol, methanol, biodiesel, and other alternative fuels, other than liquefied petroleum gas starting in calendar year 2004.

SB2474 SD3 HD2

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

Requires electric utilities to meet a renewable portfolio standard of 15 per cent for 2015 and 20 per cent for 2020. Directs PUC to study the feasibility of implementing a rate structure to encourage the use of renewable energy.

SB3162 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES INCOME TAX CREDIT.

Clarifies that financial institutions, partnerships, S corporations, estates, and trusts are eligible to claim a renewable energy technologies income tax credit. Allows for any unused credit to be claimed in subsequent taxable years until exhausted.

SB3207 SD2 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO ETHANOL TAX CREDIT.

Changes the ethanol investment tax credit to the ethanol facility tax credit (EFTC); bars other credits if EFTC is claimed; clarifies definitions; limits EFTC to investment amount; and allows EFTC only in years that the facility is operating at 75% of nameplate capacity or more and if production commences on or before 1/1/12. Effective 7/1/03 for tax years after 12/31/03.
